



Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of President Kennedy, was silenced by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby. Ruby's single bullet managed to hit "all of the real estate in the abdomen," according to Oswald's surgeon. It was Nov. 24, 1963. When news of Oswald's death was broadcast on our grainy black and white Motorola, I remember my Mother gasped and said, "Now we'll never know."

Maybe. Maybe not.

By 1981 most Americans assumed there was a conspiracy and in that year Oswald was exhumed from his Texas grave to confirm that the body really was Lee Harvey Oswald. The corpse was in very bad condition, thanks to a crack in the burial vault that had allowed the coffin to fill with water, so he was identified strictly by dental records.





Flash forward to 1968 or so in Olympia, Wash. There was this weird young man in my friend's neighborhood who had an aquarium retail store in his garage. You could only enter through the alley, and in this small space that was lit only by aquarium lights and filled with the soft sound of rapid little bubbles, was this fellow who looked just like Lee Harvey Oswald-- except he had no teeth!!!

More than three decades later, just by chance, I met the person who currently lives in the Aquarium Man's house. She said several owners have come and gone since then. But the odd thing was that the aquarium equipment still remained in the basement, stashed away in boxes. And on the side of the boxes were printed the words:

